PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2003.

### **ATTENDANCE**

**COUNCIL:** Rob Stevenson (Chair), Marc Mouton (Vice Chair), Chris Williams, Louis C. Benjamin, Jr., Jerry Trumps

ABSENT: None

**COUNCIL STAFF:** Norma Dugas (Clerk), Veronica Williams, (Assistant Clerk), Monica Fontenot (Administrative Assistant)

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Steve Dupuis (City-Parish Attorney), Terry Huval (Utilities)

#### **COMMENCEMENT**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(001)AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Chair Rob Stevenson called the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority Meeting of March 19, 2003 to order.

#### EXECUTIVE/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(008)<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 2:</u> President's Report. *No report was given* 

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(010)<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 3</u>: LUS Director's Report. *No report was given* 

### **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(012)<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 4</u>: <u>O-008-2003(LPUA)</u> An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority providing for the abandonment of a portion of Barry Street. A motion to approve by Mouton, seconded by Trumps, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Williams, Benjamin

RECUSED: None *Motion was approved.* 

Upon questioning by Trumps, Huval confirmed if the companion ordinance to be adopted by the Regular Council would be defeated, this ordinance would then become null and void.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(040)<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 5</u>: <u>O-009-2003(LPUA)</u> An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority providing for the abandonment of a portion of a utility niche on Lot A-14 in Phase III of the Village of River Ranch, having a municipal address of 110 Woodsboro Drive. A motion to approve by Mouton, seconded by Trumps, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Williams, Benjamin

RECUSED: None *Motion was approved.* 

Upon questioning by Stevenson, Huval explained when rights-of-ways are secured, it is based on a generic need in order to have the flexibility to place the facilities as may be necessary for the development. The particular area is likely to be tied into the electric and wastewater system. From time to time, once all facilities are in place, there may not be a need for the niches that are there. In this case, there was nothing in place that would interfere with releasing it.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(066)<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 6</u>: O-010-2003(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority amending the FY 02/03 Operating Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$250,000 from the Retained Earnings Capital Fund Reserve to Consolidated Sewer District - Project VIII within the Department of Utilities for additional funding needed. A motion to approve by Trumps, seconded by Mouton, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Williams, Benjamin

RECUSED: None *Motion was approved.* 

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(074)<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 7</u>: <u>O-011-2003(LPUA)</u> An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority authorizing the law firm of Slover & Loftus to represent and advise the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, Utilities Department, in matters related to coal supply and transportation on an as-needed basis. A motion to approve by Trumps, seconded by Mouton, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Benjamin, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None ABSENT: Williams RECUSED: None Motion was approved.

Huval explained LUS uses the subject firm mainly in conjunction with the part ownership of the CLECO operated Rodemacher plant. The firm has experience and knowledge in coal transportation issues.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(100)<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 8</u>: <u>O-012-2003(LPUA)</u> An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority enlarging the boundaries of Consolidated Sewerage District of the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, and describing and defining the new boundaries thereof and providing for other matters in connection therewith. A motion to approve by Trumps, seconded by Mouton, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Benjamin, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None ABSENT: Williams RECUSED: None Motion was approved

Huval explained that the existing sewer district as a whole was established in the late 1970's. From time to time, adjustments become necessary due to annexations and service areas. In this case, the boundaries are being expanded to cover areas of the Holiday Gardens Subdivision and around Louisiana Hwy 93 and Ridge Road area, all which are within the city limits of Lafayette. It also included Aurora Park Subdivision, which is located in the unincorporated area and LUS is servicing the residents at the present time. Upon questioning by Stevenson, Huval stated Aurora Park has been serviced by LUS since the late 1970's.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(134)<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 9</u>: <u>O-013-2003(LPUA)</u> An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority accepting the bid of Wastewater Services, Inc. of Oakdale, Louisiana, for the construction of sewerage improvements along certain streets, or such part thereof as may be determined upon, within the corporate limits of Consolidated Sewerage District of the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, and authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish President to execute a contract on behalf of said District for such work (Bellevue Plantation Area). A motion to approve by Trumps, seconded by Mouton, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None ABSENT: None RECUSED: None Motion was approved.

Upon questioning by Trumps, Jerry Carroll, Chief Civil Engineer, explained there has been difficulty in soliciting contractors to submit bids for these type projects. Although the contractor is located out of town, a local contractor has been sub-contracted to perform the work.

# **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(168) <u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 10:</u> Comments from the public on other matters. *No speakers* 

# **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the LPUA, Chair Stevenson declared the Regular LPUA meeting adjourned.

Norma A. Dugas Clerk of the Council